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DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.131

Sir:

John D. Tanner and David J. Emmons declare that:

1. We are coinventors of the present U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/665,948 filed September 18, 2003 and entitled "Water Treatment Devices And Cartridges Therefor."

2. We conceived, in the United States of America, the water treatment devices and cartridges of the present application prior to February 25, 2003. In addition, we were also diligent in reducing to practice from a time prior to February 25, 2003 until completion of the reduction to practice (i.e., filing of U.S. Application No. 60/473,271 on May 23, 2003, which the present application claims the benefit of).

3. Submitted herewith as Exhibit A is a drawing that details and discloses a water treatment device and cartridge in accordance with certain embodiments of the present application.

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Specifically, Exhibit A discloses the conception of the claimed water treatment devices and cartridges of the present application. Although the dates in Exhibit A have been redacted, we verify that it was created and dated prior to February 25, 2003. Additionally, we further verify that we were diligent from a time prior to February 25, 2003 to filing of U.S. Application No. 60/473,271 on May 23, 2003, which the present application claims the benefit of. As such, Exhibit A to this Declaration evidences that we conceived the claimed water treatment devices and cartridges of the present application prior to February 25, 2003. In addition, we also verify that we were diligent in reducing to practice from a time prior to February 25, 2003 until completion of the reduction to practice (i.e., filing of U.S. Application No. 60/473,271 on May 23, 2003, which the present application claims the benefit of).

4. John D. Tanner and David J. Emmons further declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

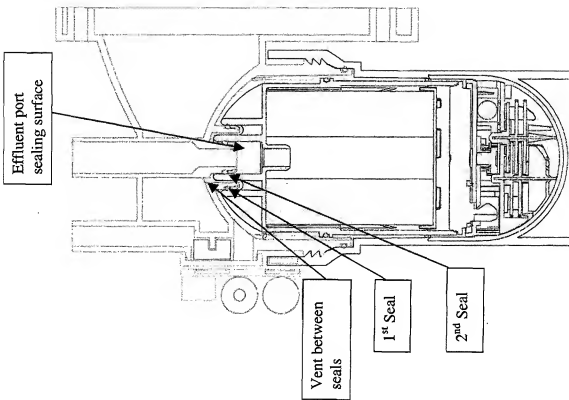

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Date 1/2/08

Layout of New Filter Interface



EXHIBIT

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Drawing No. 9119